IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Dominique GILLES

Application Serial No. : 10/578,256 Filing or 371 Date : 5/4/2006

PCT App. No. : PCT/IB2005/050799

Priority Filing Date : 3/3/2004 International Filing Date : 3/3/2005

For : SANDING ELEMENT

Art Unit : 3723

Examiner : E. Morgan

Customer No. : 82029

TRANSMITTAL RE: CERTIFIED COPY OF FOREIGN APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.55(d)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated 2/12/2010, regarding the certified copy of foreign application to which priority has been claimed, and to comply with 37 CFR 1.55, the following are submitted for consideration:

- A request in a separate document that the Office obtain a copy of the foreign application 2004/0116 filed in Belgium on March 3, 2004. It is notable that the foreign application was filed on March 18, 2005 in the corresponding PCT application (PCT/IB2005/050799). 37 CFR \$1.55(d/L1/li).
- The foreign application was identified in the application data sheet filed on May 4, 2006. 37 CFR §1.55(d)(1)(ii). Applicant thanks Examiner for acknowledgement of the foreign priority claim.
- A copy of the foreign application will be forwarded to the USPTO. 37 CFR §1.55(d)(1)(iii).¹
- 4. Per 37 CFR §1.55(d)(2), the foreign intellectual property (IP) office and application number are:2

¹ A certified copy of the application as filed, certified by the foreign patent office, will be filed prior to paying the issuance fee. MPEP 201.14(b).

² http://economie.fgov.be/nl/ondernemingen/Intellectuele Eigendom/Instellingen en actoren/DIE/index.jsp

App. No.: 2004/0116

Foreign IP Office: Dienst voor de Intellectuele Eigendom (DIE)

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Since the request is not being filed after the issue fee has been paid, no fee should be due under $\S1.17(i)$. 37 CFR $\S1.55(d)(2)$.

Respectfully submitted,

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37 CFR 1.55 REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE TO OBTAIN FOREIGN APPLICATION AS FILED

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Dear Madam:

Applicant hereby submits this request for the USPTO to obtain a copy of the following application "as filled." Concurrently, Applicant is seeking to have the needed certified copy sent to the Office to expedite the process. Therefore, the Office may receive the necessary certified copy in the interim.

App. No.: 2004/0116
Filing Date: 3 March 2004
Country: Belgium
Applicant: CIBO, N.V.

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